

Current Hall of Fame Nominations for the 2025-2029 Cycle

(listed in alphabetical order)

Fred Astaire

Born May 10, 1899 in Omaha, NE. Died June 10, 1987 in Los Angeles, CA.

Mr. Astaire was an American dancer, actor, singer, musician, choreographer and presenter, whose career in stage, film and television spanned 76 years. Nominated by David Corbin, Jan. 23, 2026.

Howard Conklin Baskerville

Born April 13, 1885 in North Platte, NE. Died April 19, 1909 in Tabriz, Iran.

Mr. Baskerville served as a missionary teacher who traveled to Iran where he taught Iranians the universal value of democratic and constitutional principles he had learned from his Princeton University Professor, Woodrow Wilson during Iran's Constitutional Revolution. Nominated by Cameron Azimi, JD, Oct. 23, 2025.

Howard Hanson

Born Oct. 28, 1896 in Wahoo, NE. Died Feb. 26, 1981 in Rochester, NY.

Contributed to society as a musician, composer, conductor, music educator and administrator. Nominated by John Irwin, Feb. 8, 2026.

George E. Johnson

Born Mar. 17, 1885 in Wymore, NE. Died Oct. 29, 1967, buried in Hastings, NE.

Served as Chief Engineer and General Manager for the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. Nominated by K. Mae Burkhardt, April 3, 2025.

Rev. Hiram Hisanori Kano

Born Jan 30, 1889 in Tokyo, Japan. Died Oct. 24, 1988 in Fort Collins, CO.

Immigrated to Nebraska in 1916. Served as an agricultural advisor, counselor, minister, teacher, interpreter, translator and leader for Japanese immigrants in Nebraska. Nominated by Stephen W. Kay, Nov. 9, 2025.

Frances Maria Brainard O'Linn

Born April 13, 1848 in Birmingham, IA. Died July 19, 1926 in Chadron, NE

Life tied to Nebraska's pioneer era and development of the northwest region. Established town of O'Linn in 1884. Later moved the entire town buildings and all to the new railroad line location in 1885 and the town was renamed Chadron. Nominated by Robert Roy Foresman April 15, 2025.

Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte

Born June 17, 1865 on Omaha Nation Reservation, NE. Died Sept. 18, 1915 Bancroft, NE.

As the first Native American woman doctor in the US, she dedicated her life to providing medical care for the people and advocating for the public health among the Omaha Tribe and

the surrounding communities. Nominated by Dr. Sally Kneifl, Sept. 29, 2025. Second nomination by Gary Bowen and Dan Worth, June 25, 2026.

Emma Louise Pound

Born June 30, 1872 in Lincoln, NE. Died June 28, 1958 in Lincoln, NE.

Dedicated her life to writing, her students, the advancement of women (during Victorian times), the University of Nebraska and athletics for women. Nominated by Debra White, Feb. 24, 2025.